THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): The information in being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Missile Defence System

336. SHRI S. AGNIRAJ: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Russia is providing Missile Defence System to India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) when it is going to be implemented;

(d) what are the main advantages of such system; and

(e) what will be the total cost of this system?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) There is no proposal for procurement of a Missile Defence System from Russia.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Correcting deficiencies in operational training of pilots

337. PROF. A. LAKSHMISAGAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether, with the rising accidents of fighter aircrafts, Government have considered the question of indentifying the deficiencies in the operational training of the pilots and its overall impact on the capabilities;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether, there are any recommendation of the committees set up by Government to go into this aspect;

(d) if so, what are the salient features of the recommendations made by these committees; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to implement them?